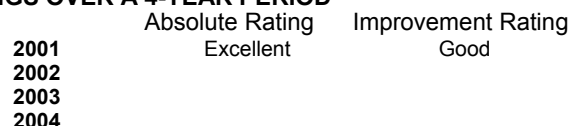


ABSOLUTE RATING: Excellent
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Good

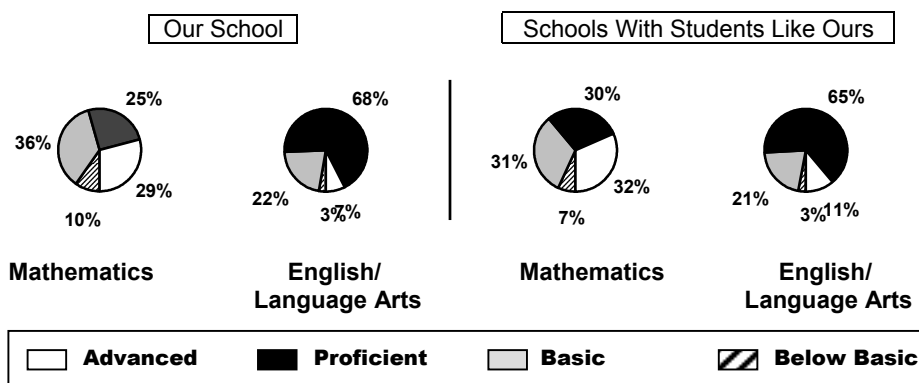
Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 5.
 The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from excellent to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to average.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=360)	97.2	90.3	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=6)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=354)	97.7	91.5		
Gender				
Male (n=174)	97.1	92.5		
Female (n=186)	97.3	88.2		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=7)	N/A	N/A		
Hispanic (n=3)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=343)	97.4	89.8		
Other (n=7)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=14)	N/A	N/A		
Pay for lunch (n=346)	97.1	90.2		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,481	N/A	\$4,481	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	88.9%	Down from 92.6%	89.6%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/A	N/A	20.8 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=877)				
• Attendance Rate	96.6%	Down from 97.2%	96.2%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	1.7%	N/A	0.1%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0.6%	N/A	0.5%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	97%	Up from 94.8%	95.4%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	1.2%	Up from 0.3%	1.5%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=67)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.5 Days	Up from 6.3	7.1 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	93.9%	Down from 96%	95.2%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	53.7%	Up from 51.8%	59.3%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	83.6%	Up from 68.4%	92.6%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	92.1%	Down from 94.6%	90.8%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$38,613	Up 4.1%	\$39,952	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	70.2%	N/A	70.2%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	4	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	97.8%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	21.1%	Up from 12%	11.2%	43.1%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.2%	Down from 0.3%	0.5%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	2	1
• Gifted and talented	30.3%	Up from 23%	42.4%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	1.9%	Up from 1.2%	4.9%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Gold Hill Elementary
1000 Dave Gibson Blvd.
Fort Mill, SC 29708

Grades K-4 Elementary School

Enrollment: 877 Students

Principal
Dennis Triplett 803-548-8250

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Board Chair
Chantay F. Boulter 803-547-2034

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001



School Grade:
Excellent

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	N/A	N/A	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	N/A	N/A	
Satisfied with home-school relations	N/A	N/A	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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